

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
October 6, 2022, APPROVED Minutes
7:00 p.m. St. Germain Community Building

1 Call to Order: Chairman Eckerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Verify Posting of Meeting: Heeler stated the agenda was posted on 09/30/22 in kiosks at the Post Office, Community Building, and Camp's Market.

3. Roll Call: Quorum was established.

Present: Heeler, Ritter, Anderson, Eckerman, Ulett, Truppe, Guckenber

Excused: None

Others Present: Eddie Heath (Onterra), Eric Eade, Jack Peil, Don Walters, Webb Southwick

4. Approval of September 4, 2022, Commissioner Meeting Minutes: On Motion by Ritter, second Ulett, the minutes of the September 4, 2022, LLPRD commissioner meeting (held after Annual Meeting) were unanimously approved.

5. EWM/CLP/ Treatment/Containment Planning: (So that Onterra Rep Eddie Heath could get an earlier start back to Green Bay, some agenda items were moved up from the original agenda.) Eddie Heath of Onterra stated that their staff completed curly leaf pondweed (CLP) mapping in late June and Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) mapping in late August when both plants were at their maximum growth (see attached charts). Both plants' footprints stayed similar from past years but the EWM density varied from more-dense to less-dense depending on the area. Heath also mentioned the water quality study they are working on saying the poor clarity this summer was a concern that they are working to find a cause. One reason may have been from the lack of heavy summer rains which have a tendency to flush heavy algae particles downstream out of the lake. Asked why other area lakes are clearer than normal this summer, Heath stated that due to different depths, some lakes have different stratification zones (via water temperature) so clarity can vary from lake to lake. On the future progression of EWM, Heath believes the plant has "plateaued," but due to water clarity issues this summer, they will be waiting til next summer to see if that is the case. Eckerman presented the cost estimate for Onterra's 2022/23 work which is within the 2023 budgeted amount. It was also noted that water clarity varied greatly depending on wind direction, with windward side water being more cloudy.

6. Update on Meeting with DNR and LDF Tribe: Eckerman reported on a conference held with the WDNR, the Lac du Flambeau tribe, Onterra, and three LLPRD members to share concerns and gather insights into putting together the LLPRD's updated Lake Management Plan. Eddie Heath and LLPRD members gave background and reasons for an updated Lake Plan to now include EWM. The WDNR supported our actions to update our plan, but of course, still retains the right to approve any permitting we may apply for. The Tribe is more supportive of mechanical harvesting of EWM compared to herbicides, but is open to herbicide treatment if it is the only viable option. The Tribe also stated that they are just one of 11 tribes in the "ceded" area and thus would need buy-in from the other tribes through their organization of tribes called GLIFWC (Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission). GLIFWC members were invited to the conference but did not attend. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for mid-January, 2023.

7. Treasurer's Report: Truppe presented the Treasurer's Report stating the balance as of last report (08/31/2022) was \$118,187.23, and since then he has written checks to Marv Anderson, \$15.00 (property owner listing); Jim Guckenber \$100.00 (Goose project costs); Business Connections, \$372.70 (Annual mtg mailings); and WI Dept of Hygiene, \$265.00 (water clarity

testing). We received a check for \$5,549.82, for property tax distribution, bringing the 10/06/2022 balance to \$122,984.35.

8. Public comments: Don Walters commended the commissioners on their work to better the lake.

9. Review Goals and Action Steps of 2019 Lake Management Plan: Commissioners reviewed each of the Action Steps from our 2019 Lake Management plan and determined all were being utilized except for checking the water quality and other issues on Stella Lake. It is deemed important to check Stella Lake water for AIS or other problems because its water all flows into Lost Lake. Ulett and Anderson will check with Stella Lake people to find out more info on Stella Lake water. It was noted that Stella Lake is an established lake district but it has not been active for many years. Eckerman will recheck this action step to determine our possible recourse.

10. 2022 Walleye Stocking Update: Heeler reported that the Silver Moon Springs fish hatchery has rescheduled its intended stocking date to the last week of October (tentative date--Oct 24) due to unseasonably warm lake water and to give the walleye a chance to grow more before stocking. Heeler will be out of town that week, so Ulett volunteered to meet the stocking truck at the landing to pick up the invoice and coordinate relocating fish around the lake. As usual, anyone with a motorized boat is welcome to deliver fish around the lake. In addition, lake people can also deliver fish via car or truck. Just meet at the landing with clean 5-gallon or larger buckets to transport the fish. (Since the meeting, things have changed and LLPRD committee member Eric Eade will coordinate the volunteer fish delivery people and meet the stocking truck at the landing. If you are available to deliver fish on or near Oct 24, TEXT Eric at 608-386-3242 with your contact info.)

11. St. Germain Lakes Committee Report: Eric Eade gave the report on the Lakes Committee stating that any further boat patrol talk was tabled due to lack of support by all St. Germain lakes except Alma/Moon. Before the issue was tabled there was interest in reaching out to the DNR and Vilas County Sheriff's Department with a request of how to pursue this issue. Also reported was the DNR has reduced permitting requirements for dropping trees into lake to improve fish habitat.

12. Clean Boats Clean Waters Update/Approval of 2023 Grant Applic: Heeler reported that lake volunteers have completed over 84 hours of boat inspections (and training hours) so that our \$3,000 payment to hire UW-O intern boat inspectors will be paid completely by the DNR. Heeler asked if the LLPRD should apply for the grant for 2023. Eckerman recommended we apply again because participation in the CBCW program by lake volunteers adds points to any AIS grant we may apply for in the future. On motion by Guckenbergs to apply for a funding grant for 2023 CBCW program, second Ulett, the motion passed unanimously.

13. Commissioner Communications, Meeting Agenda Items, and Concerns: Guckenbergs cautioned boaters that one of the marker buoys at Stella Creek has moved, so stay far away from them. In addition, purposely moving marker buoys is a federal offense, so don't move them. Truppe mentioned that J & J Services will be removing all marker buoys at the end of October. Under "next agenda items" these topics were listed: Stella Lake water quality, records retention, and annual meeting informational topics. Next regularly meeting is set for 7:00 p.m. February 2, 2023, at the St. Germain Community Building.

14. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gary Heeler
LLPRD Secretary